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WSP To Participate In National Work Zone Awareness Week

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) will be working with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to implement an education and enforcement campaign to honor the National Work Zone Awareness week from April 3 - 9.

Every year thousands of collisions occur in Washington State work zones, mainly because of speeding and inattentive driving. According to WSDOT, between 1999 and 2003, 5,521 work zone accidents have occurred, killing 41 people and injuring 3,709.

We ask that citizens be aware of work zones and slow down when passing through them. Traveling through a two-mile long work zone at 45 mph adds only 51 seconds more to your trip than if you traveled at 65 mph.

Please contact a Public Information Officer in your area for more information about the WSP's participation in Work Zone Awareness week. Their contact information can be found on the WSP Web site at www.wsp.wa.gov/newsfaqs/pio.htm for contact information.

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